GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:5688
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AUDITING FIRMS
RAGHUNATH JHA

Will the Minister of LAW , JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether attention of the Government has been drawn to the news-item captioned, ` Regulatory norms for auditing firms soon` appearing in `Indian Express` dated March 5, 2002;

(b) if so, whether the present system of auditing firms is on the anvil of a drastic charge;

(c) whether there is a proposal to take disciplinary action against the accounts reports which are qualified by the auditing firms; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

MINISTER OF LAW, JUSTICE & COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI ARUN JAITLEY)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) No specific proposal is under consideration at present.

(c) & (d) Action is taken for specific violations, if any, of the Companies Act, if it comes to notice.